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The Portal, a publication of Balmoral Hall School's Development Office, is intended for all members of the BH Family – students, parents, alumnae, grandparents and friends of the school.

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## MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL



The beginning of our school year marked the grand opening of our new facilities. September 16th was an historical day in the life of Balmoral Hall. The BH 'family' honoured and celebrated the culmination of our vision of enhancing the school's facilities. It indeed was a day of celebration and reflection. One of the highlights of the day was having an old girl, Chantal Kreviazuk, perform in our new Sifton Family Theatre. Chantal performed, signed autographs and shared fond memories of her days at BH. A proud BH girl, she believes her experience here prepared her for a road less travelled. She is a rising star seeking her personal best.

In nearly 100 years, Balmoral Hall has positioned itself as a leader in the education of girls and young women. True to its tradition, the school has focused on enriching the lives of students, staff, parents, board and alumnae. As we enter the new millenium we realize the enormous responsibility of ensuring that Balmoral Hall continues to open its doors and hearts to eager students who look to us for guidance.

All members of the BH "family" have been hard at work on developing a new strategic plan. In addition to providing a blueprint for BH's future direction, this plan is also preparing us for our fall 1999 CESI evaluation. The purpose of the Canadian Educational Standards Institute is to develop and promote high educational standards for schools in Canada and to foster compliance thereto, while recognizing the independence, integrity, and uniqueness of its individ-

ual member schools. The Institute provides evaluation and accreditation of a school's overall program and educational environment. Schools are evaluated in terms of their own statement of philosophy, purposes, and objectives, and in terms of the Institute's Standards for Accreditation of Schools. Balmoral Hall was accredited by the Canadian Educational Standards Institute in 1991. We were the first school in Western Canada to be accredited by this governing body.

The beginning of the year has been an exciting time. Parents, students, staff, and Alumnae have all shared in the successful completion of our "Enriching Her Tomorrows" Campaign. Our new facilities afford many opportunities for the BH community. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to 120 new BH families and encourage them to join all of us in actively participating in the many events that build our unique sense of spirit.

In closing, remember the school's motto "Meliora Petens" – seeking better things for ourselves and the communities we live in.

In October, the Canadian Association of Independent Schools Heads' Conference was held in Winnipeg, and Balmoral Hall had the honour of hosting the Coalition of Girls' Schools breakfast meeting. Along with the Heads of girls' schools, Heads of other CAIS girls schools came and visited our school that Monday morning. The comments about our wonderful school, our new facilities and student body were tremendous. To quote a few:

*"Thank you for the wonderful tour of your magnificent school. I really enjoyed meeting the Head Girl and some of the staff. Your warm hospitality was well appreciated. (Mary Hebert – The Study)"*

*"It was wonderful to see your school and to enjoy the warm atmosphere you have created there. Thank you for inviting us to Balmoral Hall!" (Barbara Walker – Crofton House)*

*"I am very impressed that you have such a warm, welcoming and stimulating environment. You must feel so proud of your school." (Natalie Little – The Bishop Strachan School)*

It was a pleasure to introduce some of our students to these Heads from across the country. Balmoral Hall can truly be proud of BH being one of the best girls' schools in Canada.



*Diane Bieber & Brian Porter, former Headmaster of the school*



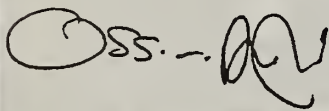
*Heads of other independent schools visiting with BH girls during a meeting of the Canadian Association of Independent Schools*



*I-r: Diane Bieber, Jane & Ted Staunton, former Headmaster of the school*



On behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to welcome our newest members. They bring with them a wealth of experience and knowledge. To date, the year has been a busy one. In this issue of the Portal, you will find an update on the Strategic Planning Process and the new All-School Annual Giving Campaign. Thank you to all members of the Board of Governors and its Committees for their dedication and support of Balmoral Hall.



**Ossama A. AbouZeid, Ph.D. – Chairman**

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## New Board Members

### Ruth Asper

Ruth Asper recently joined the 1998-99 BH Board of Governors and is enthusiastic about focusing her time and expertise with the marketing and residence committees this year. Ruth obtained bachelor degrees in both Physical Education and Recreation Studies from the University of Manitoba and holds a masters of Science degree from Indiana University. She is the founder of River City Personal Fitness, a fitness consulting and private training business in Winnipeg. Ruth is a highly motivated and caring person full of energy and compassion for her family, friends and city. She is the mother of Daniel, Rebecca and Max Asper. Rebecca and Max are students at BH and attend Grade 2 and JK respectively. Ruth combines her interest in youth and

her passion for arts and culture to currently chair the Manitoba Theatre for Young People (MTYP) capital campaign for a permanent home and performance centre at the Forks. Ruth together with her husband David believes in community participation and hope to engender the same sense of commitment to their children.

### Roy Cook

Mr. Cook is currently the Director of Business Development at Monarch Industries, a position he has held for the past three years. Prior to this position, Roy acted as the President of a privately owned office products company for two years and, in the preceding ten years in progressively more senior strategic planning positions with a major Canadian conglomerate. Roy also spent ten years in the manufactured housing and recreational vehicle industry in varying staff

and line roles. His education includes a Master of Business Administration from the University of Manitoba. Roy and Wendy have three children, Jared (16), Lauren (16) and Ryan (3) and reside in Charleswood.

### Daniel Sherbo

A graduate of the Faculty of Law, Mr. Sherbo was called to the Bar of the Province of Manitoba in 1986. In 1987, he joined Levine Levene Tadman with his preferred areas of practice being Taxation, Securities Law, Commercial and Corporate Law, and Real Estate transactions. An active member of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, the Kildonan Business Club, the Winnipeg Football Club, the Estate Planning Council of Winnipeg and the Canadian Tax Foundation, Daniel also enjoys golf, reading and movies.



# MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

The September 1998 Grand Opening Ceremony of our new facilities was a celebration of what can only be achieved through the vision, perseverance and generosity of many of the school's parents, board, staff, alumnae and friends who have shepherded and contributed to the "Enriching Her Tomorrows" campaign.

The marvellous breakthroughs of the 1990s, the successful implementation of our previous strategic plan "2001: Revisioning the Future" and our new facility were the catalysts that shaped the Board's two main goals for the 1998-99 year; fundraising and updating our Strategic Plan. We recognize the challenges of our ever-changing environment and believe that prudent and visionary planning will assist in shaping the school's destiny, today.

The Board's Fundraising Committee, chaired by Mr. Keith Jordan is currently establishing a long-range comprehensive fundraising plan that will encompass Annual Giving, Planned Giving and the activation of the BH Foundation.

The new updated Strategic Plan will be a working document that will chart and be the focus of future development in our programs and operations in the next five years. The Board's Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by Dr. Karen Boyd and using the talents of Board member Mr. Roy Cook as a facilitator, has kicked off the updating process by examining the mission statement, studying the present, rating priorities, reviewing alternatives and setting the goals for the future. Five areas of focus were identified: Curriculum/Co-curriculum, School

Culture and Environment, Sustaining Excellence, Facilities Uses and Development. The school's leadership team built on this initial step by conducting a consultation with staff and teachers and incorporated their vision to produce a draft plan.

The draft plan was presented to the Board in late January 1999 for initial review. Contributions from other Balmoral Hall constituents will be sought. This consultation will take the form of a questionnaire. The results will be used to fine tune the plan.

I trust you will take part in this exciting process that will provide the platform from which BH will move forward into the next millenium with a sharper and clearer vision.

**Ossama A. AbouZeid, Ph.D. –  
Chairman**



*"Visionary planning will assist in shaping the school's destiny"*

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**Lisa Dutchak**  
*French Teacher – Grades 3-6*

Lisa has worn many hats during her teaching career including that of French Specialist for Grades 3-Senior 1, homeroom teacher for Grades 4 and 5 and parent volunteer in the school of her own two children. Formerly with the St. Vital School Division, Lisa began teaching in 1984 after graduating from the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba. Since then, she has had the pleasure of attending numerous workshops, and seminars including Reading Recovery, computer workshops, parenting and discipline seminars and a continual upgrading of French language skills at St. Boniface College and abroad. Lisa's life after school involves such pleasures as reading to her children, dining out with her husband, and friends, cross-country skiing in the winter and sewing, when time permits! Lisa is delighted to be teaching at Balmoral Hall and feels working with the faculty, staff and students continues to be enormously rewarding!



**Anne-Marie Dyck**  
*Reception Assistant*

Anne-Marie worked as an Assistant Underwriter at Great-West Life before she left her position to stay home and raise her four children. She was

employed at Covenant Bookstore prior to joining the BH family. She is very excited about this opportunity and is happy to be of service to staff and students. Anne-Marie is actively involved in her church community, where she enjoys coordinating a Girls' Club.



**Mollie Giesbrecht**  
*Math Teacher – Grade 8 & S1*

Mollie received her Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba in May of 1998. She taught the Senior 1 mathematics curriculum in summer school and has since spent her time substituting in the River East School Division as well as at St. John's Ravenscourt School. Mollie is filled with enthusiasm to share with her students.



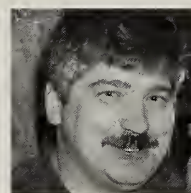
**Tony Gremaud**  
*English Teacher – Senior School*

Tony received a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Victoria, and a B.Ed. degree from the University of British Columbia in 1997. He has taught ESL in Japan, at the University College of the Cariboo in Kamloops, as well as at a language school in Vancouver before coming to Winnipeg with his wife. This is his first full year teaching in a high school environment. He hopes to start a rock-climbing club later this year.



**Lara Janzen**  
*Music Teacher – Middle and Senior School*

Lara re-located from Alberta to Manitoba in 1984. She received her Bachelor of Church Music in 1987, a Bachelor of Education and Music at U of M in 1992. She has been conducting choirs, both adult and young adult choirs, for many years. She has taught band, jazz band and vocal jazz in the school system in Selkirk and Winkler. She is very excited to work with the outstanding choristers and staff at Balmoral Hall.



**Robert Katrynuik**  
*Maintenance Manager*

Robert comes to us having worked as the Facilities Manager for the Manitoba Teachers' Society. Prior to that, he was employed by Mount Carmel Clinic for twelve years as the Manager of Environmental Services. He is presently on the Education committee for the Manitoba Chapter of the International Facilities Management Association and is an Instructor of Defensive Driving for the Manitoba division of the Canada Safety Council. Robert is married with two small children, Stacey (2 1/2) and Ryan (8 months). Robert is excited about becoming a member of Balmoral Hall. He hopes that the skills that he brings aboard will be of great benefit to the staff, students, parents and committees at BH.





**Natalie Landgraff**  
*Grade Two Teacher*

Natalie attended the University of Manitoba and there received her Bachelors of Education in 1992. She has taught extensively in an elementary multi-level classroom both in Brandon and Stonewall, Manitoba. She is actively involved in writing and editing for the Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools' teacher newsletter, Classroom Connections. Natalie looks forward with much anticipation to an exciting and fulfilling school year at Balmoral Hall.



**Steven Pauls**  
*Debating & Public Speaking Teacher – Middle and Senior School*

Steven comes to us with a strong background in Theatre Arts, having taught at Manitoba Theatre for Young People for several years. He will utilize these skills in teaching Speech and Debating for Grades 7-S4 and Grade 7 & 8 Drama. Steven continues to be involved in the Arts community outside of his teaching time but lately, his priority has gone to his growing family. He is looking forward to working with the BH Family as well.



**Elaine Szymanski,**  
*School Nurse*

Elaine received her R.N. from the St. Boniface School of Nursing and B.N.

from the University of Manitoba. She has worked with all ages from newborns to seniors in professional and volunteer work. Her background has included both institutional and community (also northern) nursing in a variety of areas. She is looking forward to this new opportunity at BH



**Alphonse Tétrault**  
*French Teacher – Middle and Senior School*

Mr. Tétrault was educated at St. Boniface College where he later attained his Masters in Education. He studied in France for one year. He worked in five school divisions teaching French and other subjects from Grades 6 to 12 and was a Vice-Principal and Principal in elementary immersion schools. As a high school department head for 14 years, he helped initiate and directed the first 5 years of the Winnipeg S.D. French Camp. Mr. Tétrault's other interests include singing roles in 25 operas and for 11 years did musical comedies as a member of the Internationals at the Hollow Mug. He also acted in French plays with the Cercle Molière and plays volleyball and table tennis. Mr. Tétrault is married with three children, two of whom are still at home.



**Geneviève Tétrault**  
*Development Coordinator*

Geneviève is a graduate of the University of Manitoba's Recreation Studies Degree Programme. She comes to BH with a background in recreation and event management

complemented by two years as the Coordinator of Volunteers for a non-profit senior's organization. With ties to the recreation world, she volunteers for Recreation Connections Manitoba, plays soccer and enjoys coaching when she can.



**Marcy Thompson**  
*Grade Three Teacher*

Marcy received her Bachelor of Education from the University of Winnipeg. Her experience includes teaching English as a Second Language in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, as well as being an Early Years Teacher for the Winnipeg 1 and Frontier School Divisions. Marcy is enjoying teaching the Grade 3 girls and being a part of the BH Family.



**Heather Welch**  
*Physical Education Teacher – Grades 5 & 6*

Heather is a graduate of the University of Manitoba's Physical Education Faculty. After 8 years of teaching both Junior and Senior High Physical Education, she left the public school system for a business venture in the health and fitness industry. As co-owner and manager of Bodyworks. The Health Experts, Heather has continued her pursuit and promotion of healthy, active lifestyles for adults. With 15 years experience in business, the opportunity to return to physical education at Balmoral Hall was very exciting.



## Be All That You Can Be

*By Kristen Gale ('99) Head Girl*

The Prefects have all been working extremely hard to make this year one of Balmoral Hall's best. We have all been very busy in planning spirit activities, meetings, assemblies and of course, our legendary dances. We began by spreading our theme for the year, "Be All That You Can Be". We applied this motto during our first full week of school. This was a very special week entitled, W.I.N.S Week (Welcoming In New Students). It is a fun filled, jam-packed week dedicated to the new additions of our BH Family.

Soon after celebrating our new arrivals, we had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the annual Terry Fox Run. It was a great way to rack up House Points while having a lot of fun! BH had its Grand Opening where House activities and cheers rocked our new gym. We had our first Bake Sale that was an incredible success and we had our first assembly as the Prefects of 1998-99 school year.

As it turned out, October was even busier than September. BH presented, "WherERAre You" (Where Are You) a dance dedicated to the decade's. The new canteen, had its Grand Opening. We had our first Mufti Day of the year and had Halloween Week, which was a blast! I know that the year will continue to be more and more as exciting and fun as the year progresses. Already in planning for the New Year are: two more dances, the 30 hour famine, teacher appreciation luncheon, and of course Spirit Week!

A lot of time, effort and planning go into each activity. I am so privileged and thankful to have the opportunity to work with such a motivated and spirited executive council. I can tell from the level of enthusiasm in both councils (Executive and Student) that this year will be one of Balmoral Hall's finest.

## Role of Prefects

*By Rena Sharfe ('99), School Captain*

When asked what the Prefects at BH do, one question comes to mind – "Where do I begin?". When I was running to be a Prefect, I believed I knew the roles of every Prefect and their responsibilities. However, now that I am a Prefect, I realize that the job is very involved and the responsibilities are numerous. Each Prefect has her particular area of responsibility. For example, the arts Prefect takes care of choir, theatre, art affairs etc. What

are not readily evident are the other projects such as dances, magazine sales, spirit week etc. These are activities which entail the hard work of all the Prefects in order to get the job done well. Being a Prefect means so many things. We are ambassadors for our school, we are leaders for the students, we help run our school, we try to provide a variety of activities that ensure this year will be the best year yet! Although the Prefects work hard, they enjoy helping to make BH an exciting place.

# leadership

## Manitoba Student Leadership Conference

*By Robin Westmacott ('99), Arts Prefect*

The second week back at school, the newly formed team of Prefects attended the 10th annual Manitoba Student Leadership Conference. It being our second conference to attend (as BH hosted the 8th annual conference), we basically knew what we were in for, and were psyched to have a blast. There were tons of activities in which to participate, and we learned quite a bit and gathered key pieces of information showing us how to be the best leaders we can be!

The main offering of a leadership conference is spirit. After the weekend, we went home actually thinking that it was completely possible to deal with and make successful the year ahead. The self-esteem that I've gained at leadership conference is immeasurable –

probably because there are so many positive people at them.

There was a team of "Crazy Cudas" who act as conference energizers. They are pretty brave cheerleaders who make everyone feel comfortable, if only for the reason that everybody thinks that they look pretty cool in comparison to these crazy people who constantly recite the weirdest cheers ever heard! We participated in many activities, such as: several educational seminars, a Sights and Sounds dance, a cruise on the Paddlewheel Queen, a motivational media presentation, and perhaps most fondly remembered, the experience of listening to an amazing motivational speaker who made us feel lucky to be who we are.

The leadership conference was a chance for the Prefects to be inspired by great people, make new friends and important contacts with other schools, learn a lot about ourselves and leadership, and most importantly, to have fun.



# THE HOUSES ARE ACTIVE!

Craig Gowan



**Craig Gowan** has begun the year with great enthusiasm and it has been paying off! The year started out with the Grand Opening of the brand new gym, theatre and technology centre. Everyone in Craig Gowan cheered loudly through the house cheering competitions. The next day was the annual Terry Fox Run. I have never seen so many people wearing yellow in my entire life. Craig Gowan did a great job cheering and running in order to win house points. Interhouse has started on an excellent foot for our house. Craig Gowan won 7 & 8 Jungle ball, the first interhouse. Congratulations girls! The year is well underway and I have seen more enthusiasm in the yellow house than ever before. Keep it up and the house trophy will be ours!

**Lindsay Ross-Stewart ('99)**  
**Craig Gowan House Head**

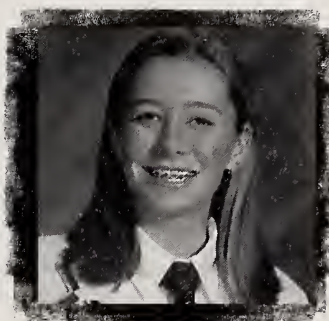
Ballater



**Ballater**, my beautiful green house, full of wonderful Balmoral Hall girls has made a wonderful start to the year. The Terry Fox run had great participation and spirit. I am very excited to work with each and every Ballater member to make this a memorable year. As I look at each of your faces, I am filled

with pride and anticipation looking on to the rest of the school year because I know that Ballater will "be all that it can be" and more. We have many events planned for this year so that everyone can show their various talents and I am interested to find out what each of you possess. So until we meet again, maybe next class, or tomorrow at school, make sure you're smiling and I promise I'll smile back. XOXO

**Katie Gibson ('99)**  
**Ballater House Head**



Glen Gairn

To my fellow Pooh Bears: Welcome to a new year of spirit and fun! It is to be hoped that we will be victorious and win the house trophy which I have had my eyes on for many years. Let's make this year the one we see Glen Gairn written on the side of the trophy. Already, we have accomplished many events where your enthusiasm astounded me. At the Grand Opening, you caught on to the new and old cheers quickly and were amazingly loud. The same went for the Terry Fox Run, everyone dressed up in all the red clothes they had and you looked excellent. Interhouse is going great and we have improved the attendance over the days. We've had a few wins and everyone appears to be having a good time. I would like to congratulate our Junior School Glen Gairn House Head, Brynn Macek, in her success of the elections. There are many more events ahead to look forward to.

**Yours in spirit, Johanna Forster ('99)**  
**Glen Gairn House Head**



Braemar

Well the year has been off to a good start so far. Isn't that right fellow Braemareans!! Who won the Terry Fox Run? Was it Ballater? Nope! Glen Gairn? No way! Craig Gowan? I don't think so! Intramurals have also been going great although I would love to see some more of my blue sisters out there! If you're not participating, you are missing out big time on some great fun. Some of you may not think that floor hockey and jungle ball are the best way to spend a free lunch hour but guess what...they are. I hope to see you guys there and having fun throughout the rest of the year, that way, we can say to ourselves that the year was great.

**Tara Davies ('99)**  
**Braemar House Head**

## Prefects Preparation

**By Jill Voth ('99), Sports Captain**

In September, the Prefects arrived at school early to start the year with the Annual Prefects Weekend. After settling into the "Rez", the Prefects started with some ice-breaker games. Later in the day, they listened to motivational speakers and learned different methods to become better leaders. That evening, former Head Girl Rebecca Leachman came to answer all their questions on what is really involved in being a Prefect. The second day was spent primarily on much needed planning sessions. By the end of the weekend, the Prefects all felt more confident about their positions and were excited about the year to come.



*"It was a very hard work day...but it went really fast because I was having so much fun!"*

## Take Your Daughter To Work Day

By Heather Emberley,  
Career Counsellor

On November 4, 1998 the Grade 7 students experienced the world of work by shadowing a parent or friend for the day 'on the job.' Students observed, asked questions, learned some new skills, and wrote a report of their experience. The students received a work shop on the computer program Career Explorer and will work on their Portfolios second term. Allison Pigden has job shadowed both her mom and her dad in their careers – a fine example of career exploration. Here are some of the comments from their reports:

Before I came to his office, I had many thoughts in my head of what it would be like working as a lawyer.

The store's Assistant Manager let me come up and help her ring in the purchases at the till.

"I sat in that meeting for an hour, drinking coffee, eating doughnuts and trying to figure out what they were talking about."

"We went out for a business lunch, then we made some sales calls."

"I faxed to many different companies and people. So far, I have not heard a complaint (phew!)."

"Dad showed me some programs he uses, such as legal vision which is a billing system and programs that connect to the government offices around Canada."

"Her job is very different – she does not work in an office or in a factory; she works in her car and is constantly on the go."

"She gave her demo presentation with her lap top computer, a person had e-mailed her some charts so that she could show the statistics of the drug."

"I got to be a pharmacist, a cashier, and a shipment handler. I got to have a break like a normal worker."

"I think my Dad's secretary does more real work than my Dad."

"One of the things I learned was that without computers, their work becomes one hundred times harder."

"First I should say that my dad is self-employed, so his workday may not be as full as others."

"Just one thought: I'll stay in school and graduate before I hit the workfield just to ensure that I know things and that I know what to do."

"Now that I've been to work, and had a job for a day, I find myself thinking about what career path I want to take."

"I might be interested in being a doctor when I grow up, just like my mom."

*"This was a great experience I soon will not forget."*

## University Fair

By Jen Kennedy ('99)

On Monday, November 16th, the Senior 4 (Grade 12) students had an opportunity to attend a University Fair at Miles Macdonell Collegiate. Forty-five representatives from Canadian Universities and Colleges came to recruit new students and hand out information. I have to say, it consoled all of us. There are many students in Senior 4 with over 80 averages, we didn't realize there were so many opportunities for scholarships

to an over 80's student. A lot of my friends had absolutely no clue what they were doing yet. This "University Day" gave those students the availability of information about their Canadian options, and helped a lot of us decide which universities we will apply to. I think a lot of us checked out every university there, and came home with a box full of information. It was reassuring to be able to talk to representatives, they were so enthusiastic to answer our questions. I think this was a wonderful opportunity. Thanks Mrs. Emberley!



*l-r: Dany Theberge, Rita McNeil, and Katie Reynolds – Take your daughter to work day*



# ACHIEVEMENTS

Every year, Balmoral Hall students participate in the Young Historians Competition. An in-school competition takes place first and following the marking, five projects per class are submitted to The Manitoba Historical Society for judging. The students who get selected are then expected to make a 5 minute presentation to explain their project. Congratulations to all winners from the 1998 competition!

## GRADE 6

### Models:

Meghan Fitzpatrick, 1st Place  
Nika Stelman, 2nd Place  
Helen Burnett, 3rd Place  
Lauren Hill, Honourable Mention

### Posters:

Baillie Klein, 1st Place  
Marisa Campanelli, 2nd Place

### Projects:

Vanessa Shipley, 1st Place

### Historical Fiction:

Meghan Fejes, 1st Place

## GRADE 9

### Models:

Maryet Batenchuk, 1st Place

### Posters:

Christine Ryckman, 1st Place  
Celeste Christie, 2nd Place

### Projects:

Alara Humniski, 1st Place

### Family Autobiography:

Kelsey Mills, 1st Place  
Anna Penner, 2nd Place

### Research Papers:

Ashley Dunlop, 3rd Place  
Andrea Mancini, Honourable Mention  
Kathleen Stone, Honourable Mention

### Historical Fiction:

Vivian Belik, 1st Place

## SENIOR 4

### Models:

Chandra Gunther, 1st Place  
Kassi Zahradnitzky, 2nd Place

### Projects:

Ashley Taillieu, Honourable Mention

## Awards & Scholarships – C l a s s o f 1 9 9 8

### Kathryn Ball

- U of M Hogg Centennial Entrance Scholarship \$1,300
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# GRAND OPENING A SUCCESS!

- ✓ invitations
- ✓ entertainment
- ✓ decorations
- ✓ food
- ✓ fun!

September 16th marked an important day of celebrations at Balmoral Hall. With parents, alumnae, donors, staff and special guests, the school marked the official opening of new Athletic, Performing Arts and Technology Centres.



*Students enjoying the Grand Opening celebration*



*l-r: Diane Bieber, Head of School, Ossama AbouZeid, Board of Governors Chair, Maureen Watchorn, Campaign Fundraising Chair mark the official opening of the new facilities.*

**Chantal Kreviazuk ('91)**, singer and songwriter returned to her school to surprise students and mark the official opening of the Sifton Family Theatre. Performing to parents & guests, Junior and Middle & Senior School students, her three appearances were exciting and memorable. She spoke frankly to students about her years at Balmoral Hall and the impact of her education on her achievements in the music industry. Don't think that only students were surprised...with the help of her

mother, a video of Chantal at age 6 and again performing in the BH production of the Wizard of Oz lit up the screen to the surprise of Chantal!

A unique decoration theme was used throughout the Richardson Hall Athletic Centre. Over 500 cut-out dolls depicting every BH girl and boy lined the walls after being prepared by students. Each classroom was also represented in the form of one doll which formed the ribbon used in the official ceremony. What a sight!



*Chantal Kreviazuk ('91) amidst some faithful fans*





Made possible by generous donors, the new facilities will enable students to be on the cutting edge of technology, front stage in the arts and top of the athletic world. Over one hundred guests enjoyed the ribbon cutting ceremony, Chantal's performance and time to mingle among friends.

If you missed it at the Grand Opening, you'll have to join us soon to hear this. With loud voices and smiles, students

and guests sang a song now associated with Balmoral Hall's Assemblies and Special Events. *"Best friends should be together. That's how it ought to be. So let's pretend I'm part of you. And you are part of me."* These lyrics embraced the feelings at the Grand Opening and truly reflect the long-lasting friendships that have been built at Balmoral Hall every year since 1901.

*Prefects leading crowd in singing of 'Best Friends'*



*I-r: Ossama AbouZeid, Randy Moffat, Gail (Allman) Leach ('59) in the new Moffat Technology Resource Centre*

## celebrating the future

### Ya-Hoo Barbeque

*By Verna Danylchuk,  
Barbeque Chair*

Right after the start of school comes the excitement of the Ya-Hoo Barbeque. For the students and their families it was a fun relaxing way to end an event filled Grand Opening Day. The weather cooperated by bringing us a beautiful warm evening. Balloons, ponies and families in Western wear could be seen as you neared the front gates. The decorating committee had turned the schoolyard into a field of color. For the young, a 22' inflatable slide and a giraffe bouncer were set

up in the field. For those who preferred less active activities, the jar bar, raffle, face painting, dunk tank, fishing pond, popcorn and freezie tables awaited them in the loop. A Volunteer/Lost and Found station was a new addition this year. Self-guided tours of the new facilities were available for those who missed the earlier Grand Opening. Pato the Pan American Games mascot joined us, lending a festive colourful air as he travelled around reminding us about the exciting year to come. The yard behind Aikins House had families gathered on hay bales to enjoy the fine cooking of our BBQ volunteers. For some, the opportunity to learn line

dancing was embraced with great enthusiasm, while for others, watching was more at their pace.

As I looked around the wonderful evening, it brought to mind how many people this event depends on and how fortunate we all are to be a part of it. This one evening brings us all together before the busy schedules of the new school year take over. Whether volunteer or attendee, the Ya-Hoo Barbeque is a fun way to enjoy being part of the school community. Next year, be there or be square!





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***The theatre is the best part of the school because it brings out our acting abilities. – Alana McGee Stanko, S1***

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***"The gym is good to play volleyball in because now there is room for our fans." – Hilary Moir, S1***



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*You may have noticed new benches outside the school and throughout the Atrium. Seen here are the Prefects in front of Junior School. We'd like to thank Mr. Ryan Smith for his contribution to the beauty of our school, both inside and out.*



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***I like the Multi-Media Room because the computers are so updated.***  
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*Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this donor list. If, however, any errors or omissions have occurred, please accept our sincerest apologies. Kindly advise the Development Office so that corrections can be made.*

# SWING



**Balmoral Hall School invites you for the evening of Saturday, March 6, 1999 The Radisson Suite Hotel**

*Cocktails 6:30pm  
Dinner: 7:30pm  
Dance: 9:00pm*

**Silent Auction!**

**Live Auction!**

**Tickets: \$100  
Patrons: \$125**

*Black Tie Optional*

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## International Students – Spanning the Globe

This year at BH, we have the opportunity to taste the cultures of countries such as Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Germany.

Last year, some parents opened their homes and shared traditions that they might not have encountered. We grew

personally, socially and culturally by experiencing their traditions. This past summer, some of our students had the chance to travel to the home countries of their friends and live their traditions first hand. If you would like to invite an international student home for the day, weekend or even just for dinner, please contact Mrs. Jennifer McDonald at 784-1647.

# golf

## Balmoral Hall Parents Association *Golf Invitational Classic*

Invites Alumnae, Parents, Staff and Friends to a spectacular day of golf at one of Winnipeg's finest golf courses.

**Monday, June 21, 1999**  
**Niakwa Country Club**

*This is one day you don't want to miss!*

Shotgun Start at 1:30 p.m.

Texas Scramble Format

Longest Drive Holes - Closest to the Pin -

Hole in One - Putting Contest -

Chipping Contest - Plus much much more

In order to make this first tournament a huge success, hole sponsorship of \$300 would be greatly appreciated. Please call Mitch Zajac 694-8900 or Cheryl Maidment 663-0008.

**Watch for entry form coming soon.**

Contact Cheryl Maidment

Phone: (204) 663-0008 Fax: (204) 654-0728

With your entry, or if you would like to volunteer.

**Limited space, Register early**

All entries will be processed on a first come first serve basis

Cost: \$200

18 holes of great golf, shared golf cart dinner & taxes included





Writers



## Inspirational Writers at BH

During the Winnipeg Writers Festival, Senior 2, 3 and 4 Balmoral Hall students had the opportunity to hear authors introduce and read selections of their works. Sarah Klassen, Elaine Hammond, Audrey Thomas, Cecil Foster, Meria Cook, Michael Crummey and Ishbel Moore intrigued their audience with their original creations.

Each author encouraged questions from the students and stressed the importance of reading. The writers' openness, encouragement and their lives impressed students. After the readings, it was exciting to hear students make comments such as "I feel inspired to do more writing now!" The authors were impressed by the students' warm introductions, their attentiveness during the readings and by the caliber of the students' questions following the readings. Balmoral Hall School will be happy to host the High School Readings for the Winnipeg Writers Festival again next year!

## Spanish Cultural Day

By Anna Penner ('01)

This November the first Spanish Cultural Day was held at Miles Macdonell Collegiate. This event gave students learning Spanish a chance to practice their skills, learn some new words, and experience Hispanic culture. The day started out with welcome speeches from people involved with the day, spoken in Spanish and English, about the importance of learning from other cultures. We then went to the activities we had chosen, things like Spanish food, Spanish dance, Spanish Hollywood Squares or Backpacking through Spain. I found this very interesting because I got to learn about another culture that I have not experienced, and try new things, like making Spanish pastries. For lunch, two options were given, a meat dish or a cheese dish, of course both Spanish. The schools then all got a chance to show everyone a Spanish presentation of their choice. Our school did tongue twisters, which everybody really enjoyed. I am glad that I had a chance to participate in this day and would definitely go again.

## 261st BH Brownie Pack

By Mrs. Pat Conchâtre – Junior School Resource Teacher & "Brown Owl" (contact guider)

After more than forty years, the Brownies are back at Balmoral Hall School. Sparks Magic has grown into Brownie Magic! Every Wednesday after school, seventeen Brownies (from Grades two and three), four Guiders and two young helpers - the 261st BH Brownie Pack, meet in the Junior School gym. The archives of the Girl Guides of Canada - Guides du Canada (Manitoba Council) and our archives at Balmoral Hall show that BH (Havergal College on Carlton Street) had Brownies in the 1920's -

one of the first Brownie packs in Winnipeg! The unit shown here, 16th Brownie Pack had thirty-one Brownies and three Guiders. An article, written by one of the Brownies, from the 1955 yearbook begins: "It was a thrill to be back at Brownies in September..." and ends with "Our Brownie Pack is filled with happy people (who help others) and we always have a great deal of fun!" The fun continues to this day, as does the "Good Turns" and the enthusiasm of enjoying the new Brownie Program. At each meeting, activities are designed to promote the "Promise and Law". Singing games, drama, outings, crafts, outdoor activities, the Program and the Outlooks (badges) are an integral part of the hour and a half meeting. The aim of the Girl Guides of

Canada - Guides du Canada is to help girls and young women become responsible citizens, able to give leadership and service to the community, whether local, national or global. Guiding is based on the ideals of the "Promise and Law". Brownie pride was everywhere on Wednesday, October 21st when sixteen Brownies were enrolled. With the help of a Brownie who transferred to us, they each skipped happily along the toadstool path to the "magic pond" to see their reflection ("herself") as Brownies. Great fun was had by all! Special guests included Mrs. Steek, Mrs. Bieber, and of course, the Brownies' families. Join the fun - visitors of all ages are most welcome!



# Annual Giving

*It is hard to believe 1999 is upon us. It won't be long before 2000 arrives. As we approach the turn of the century, Balmoral Hall is launching its first Annual Fundraising Campaign. Before we tell you about it, let's talk about the need for fundraising and the real cost of a charitable contribution to BH.*

*Balmoral Hall has never undertaken an annual campaign until this year. Why now? As in all schools, budgets are tight. The tuition fees cover the basics, but to purchase some of the extras for our daughters, we need to raise funds.*

*The extras I refer to include things such as specialized gym equipment or the newest technology in computer equipment. Rather than increasing tuition fees, the Board felt it would be better to raise the money through an annual giving campaign. Why? Because it offers an opportunity for the giver to realize significant tax savings which do not apply to tuition fees, and it keeps tuition fees stable.*

*This annual fundraising campaign has one goal: high participation from all members of the BH Family. Please participate in this annual event by giving whatever amount fits your budget. Our goal is to raise \$100,000. It is a hefty sum for our first year but, with full participation, a very attainable goal.*

*Let's make this goal a reality and ensure that our school maintains its high level of excellence into the next millennium. Every dollar directly benefits our daughters. Let's be proud to contribute.*



Keith Jordan  
Chair of Fundraising Committee



## A CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE

Balmoral Hall was initially established in 1901 as Havergal College. In 1950, the amalgamation of Rupert's Land Girls School (est. 1917), Riverbend School for Girls (est. 1929) and Havergal College formed Balmoral Hall School. In addition to a tradition of excellence and the belief in girls-only education, we also proudly represent a tradition of generosity, spanning almost 100 years.

## BUILDING ON A TRADITION OF GENEROSITY

Balmoral Hall has always benefited from the generosity of those who believed in promoting excellence in girls-only education through gifts of time, talent and financial contributions.

Notably, Sir James Aikins, a former Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba (1916-26) and founder of the law firm that still bears his name, willed his house, surrounding acreage and a substantial trust fund to establish a new school for "young ladies" in Winnipeg. His son, Colonel Aikins, immediately donated his home as well, and the two buildings formed the nucleus of Riverbend School for Girls, a forerunner to the present-day Balmoral Hall. Today, Aikins House remains as a testament to generosity and focal point of the Balmoral Hall campus.

## SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE THROUGH ANNUAL GIVING

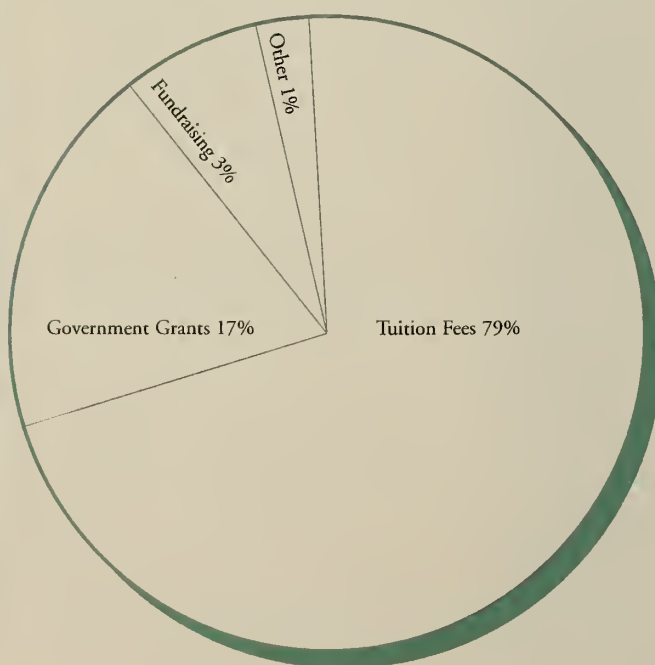
It is in the spirit of Sir James Aikins that we launch the first school-wide Annual Giving Campaign. The alumnae of Balmoral Hall have participated in Annual Giving for the past six years, and we are now inviting all members of our extended family to renew their commitment to the school.

Balmoral Hall has earned the reputation of providing an academically challenging program within a personally stimulating environment, providing students with the tools they need to succeed in an increasingly complex world. Sustaining this reputation in the midst of rapidly evolving technology requires greater and increasingly sophisticated resources. It requires support over and above what can be covered by tuition fees.

## WHERE THE MONEY GOES

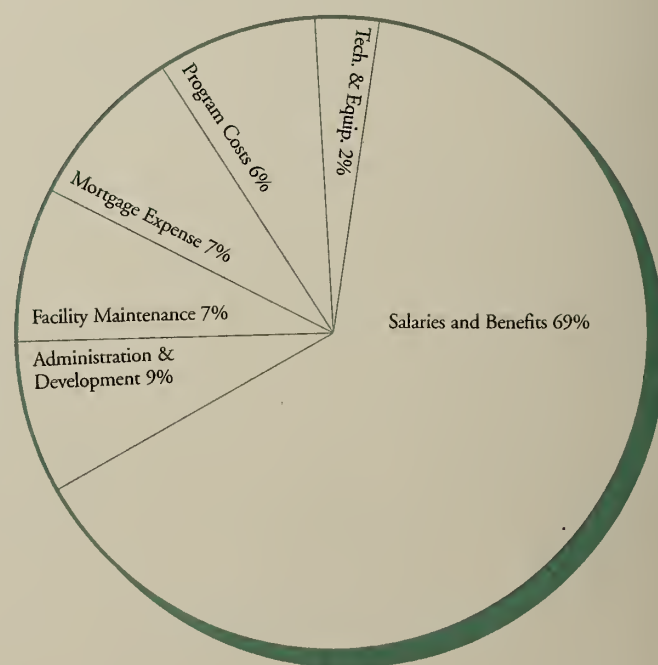
Presently, tuition at Balmoral Hall covers less than 79% of the school's operating expenses. Government funding helps to close the gap, but these resources alone cannot cover expenses associated with program expansion, new construction and improved services for students.

REVENUES (1998-99 BUDGET)



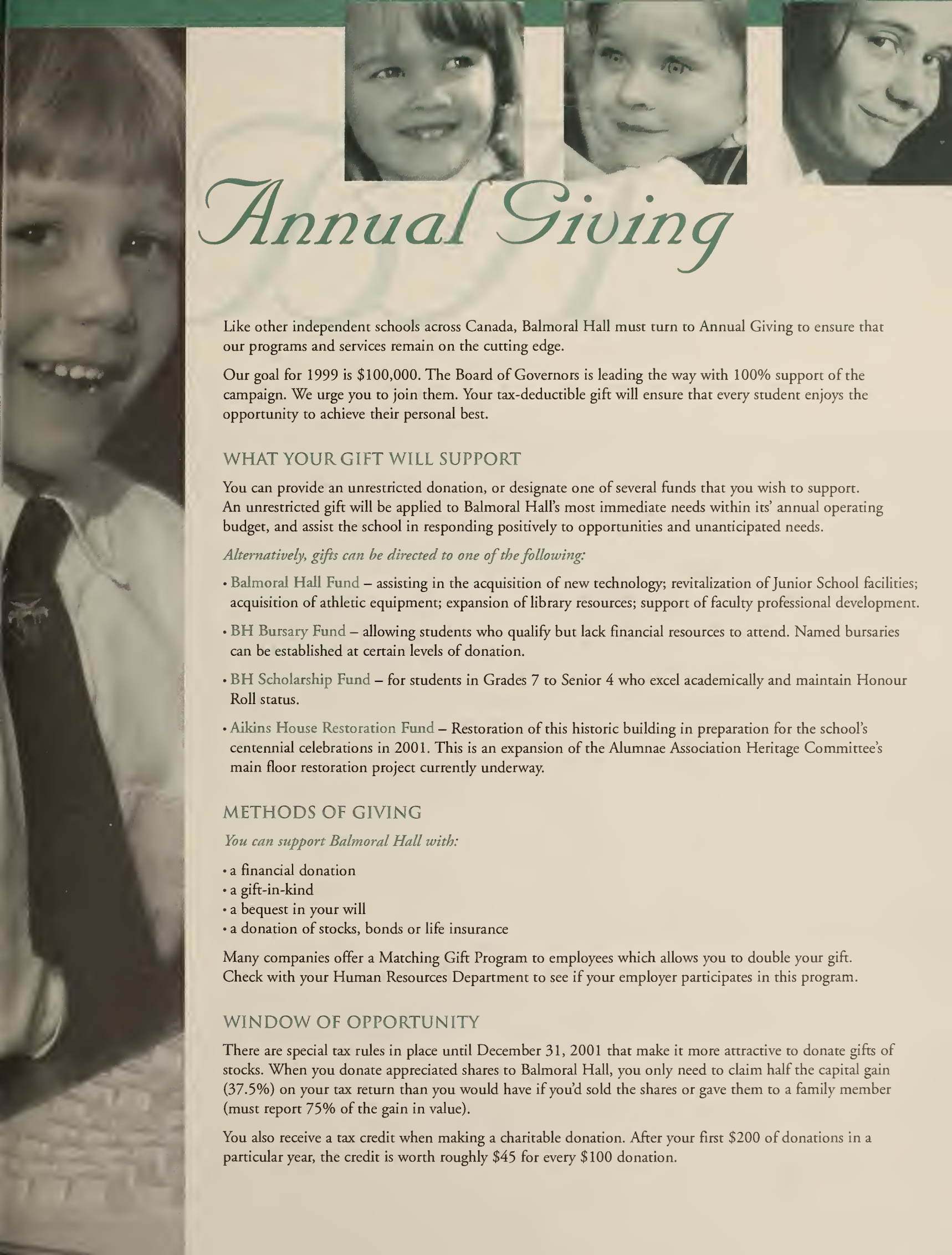
TOTAL REVENUES \$5,494,600

EXPENSES (1998-99 BUDGET)



TOTAL EXPENSES \$5,494,600





# Annual Giving

Like other independent schools across Canada, Balmoral Hall must turn to Annual Giving to ensure that our programs and services remain on the cutting edge.

Our goal for 1999 is \$100,000. The Board of Governors is leading the way with 100% support of the campaign. We urge you to join them. Your tax-deductible gift will ensure that every student enjoys the opportunity to achieve their personal best.

## WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL SUPPORT

You can provide an unrestricted donation, or designate one of several funds that you wish to support. An unrestricted gift will be applied to Balmoral Hall's most immediate needs within its' annual operating budget, and assist the school in responding positively to opportunities and unanticipated needs.

*Alternatively, gifts can be directed to one of the following:*

- **Balmoral Hall Fund** – assisting in the acquisition of new technology; revitalization of Junior School facilities; acquisition of athletic equipment; expansion of library resources; support of faculty professional development.
- **BH Bursary Fund** – allowing students who qualify but lack financial resources to attend. Named bursaries can be established at certain levels of donation.
- **BH Scholarship Fund** – for students in Grades 7 to Senior 4 who excel academically and maintain Honour Roll status.
- **Aikins House Restoration Fund** – Restoration of this historic building in preparation for the school's centennial celebrations in 2001. This is an expansion of the Alumnae Association Heritage Committee's main floor restoration project currently underway.

## METHODS OF GIVING

*You can support Balmoral Hall with:*

- a financial donation
- a gift-in-kind
- a bequest in your will
- a donation of stocks, bonds or life insurance

Many companies offer a Matching Gift Program to employees which allows you to double your gift. Check with your Human Resources Department to see if your employer participates in this program.

## WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

There are special tax rules in place until December 31, 2001 that make it more attractive to donate gifts of stocks. When you donate appreciated shares to Balmoral Hall, you only need to claim half the capital gain (37.5%) on your tax return than you would have if you'd sold the shares or gave them to a family member (must report 75% of the gain in value).

You also receive a tax credit when making a charitable donation. After your first \$200 of donations in a particular year, the credit is worth roughly \$45 for every \$100 donation.



*Here is an example:*

*When you donate to BH \$2,000 worth of shares for which you originally paid \$1,000:*

DONATION – FAIR MARKET VALUE (FMV)	\$ 2,000.00
GAIN (FMV MINUS COST)	\$ 1,000.00
INCOME (37.5% OF GAIN)	\$ 375.00
TAX CREDIT (45% OF \$2,000)	\$ 900.00
TAX AT 50 PER CENT OF \$375*	\$ (188.00)
NET PROCEEDS	\$ 712.00

*This assumes taxable income above \$60,000.*

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FRISBE (*Friends of Independent Schools and Better Education*)  
811 Karl Johan Avenue N.  
Tacoma Washington 98406

Please note on your cheque that you wish them to direct the donation to Balmoral Hall and FRISBE will issue a U.S. tax receipt.

Balmoral Hall is a non-profit organization. Your contributions are tax deductible and a receipt will be forwarded from the school.

# Balmoral Hall

## ANNUAL GIVING – ENHANCING HER EXPERIENCE



### TO MAKE A DONATION

If you wish to have further information on options for giving, or to make your gift to Balmoral Hall, please contact:

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## STUDENT PROFILES

### "Quotes in brochure quite true!"

By Chandra Gunther ('99)

The first thing I was told when I heard of Shad Valley was that it was a summer program for Senior 3 & 4 students interested in science, math and entrepreneurship. I never would have thought that the program would provide me with one of the most enjoyable, and life-changing months of my life.

Although the program only accepts 400 students from across Canada each year, the quotes such as "Shad was the best experience of my life" in the information booklet intrigued me. The application process was rigorous, requiring grade point averages, class rankings and numerous essays. A few months later, I was accepted into the program and chose, from eight Canadian universities, to attend Shad Valley at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

July 4th finally arrived and I was more nervous than I've ever been before but

I began to relax once I joined 53 other teens from across the country. During the four weeks of the program, our schedule consisted of lectures on science, math, engineering or entrepreneurship, and recreational time filled with games of "Shad Ball" in the morning. After lunch, we took part in hands-on seminars on marketing, time management, material testing (more commonly known as the 'breaking things' seminar), creativity and design, fractals, biology, computer programming and computer animation. Our evenings were filled with guests speakers, usually entrepreneurs or scientists and time to work on our Engineering – Business project.

Each of five groups was required to design a product, test it, and create a full length business plan for its marketing...all in one month! At the end of July, each group presented their product to a panel of venture capitalists and engineers who chose the winning project.

On top of all this, we also got to plan a social event, showcase our musical and dramatic skills, explore the Maritimes, camp out on the beach, visit a local amusement park and watch an Atlantic Theatre Festival performance of Othello. The most important aspect of Shad Valley was indeed the opportunity to meet people who became the closest of friends. Everyone had their own unique interests, but we all had the desire to succeed and to learn new things. No one was ever criticised for wanting to experience new things, or to do their best – even during the summer, of all times!

I learned to question information, to ask questions, to have fun, to be creative, to be flexible, and to survive on very few hours of sleep. I am continually discovering the effects that Shad has had on me. I realize now that that the, quotes in the brochures were quite true. Thank you BH for contributing to my experience!



Chandra Gunther

personal  
best  
*"Shad was the best experience of my life"*

### Profile of a Student Athlete

3-2-1 .... There is a feeling of excitement in your stomach. Standing alone in the starting gate atop a frozen mountain, Amber Bewza seldom feels the cold despite the thinness of her Spandex ski outfit. She has been thinking about every bump, curve and turn of the course since the inspection. In less than a minute and a half, the run will be over. Months of training will be put to the test in a sport that measures success or failure to the hundredth of a second.

Amber, who has attended BH since Kindergarten, is 14 years old and is a skier on the Manitoba Juvenile Ski Team. She is already a veteran skier, having taken up the sport more than 9 years ago.

For the past three winters Amber has been travelling to Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia to train and race. This year Amber will spend 60 days away from home skiing. This does not include the time spent training here in Manitoba.

Amber has been able to keep up with her studies and has been able to retain her Havergal Scholarship for academic studies. She is constantly in communication with BH working with her teachers at school via fax and e-mail. It certainly takes a lot of extra effort and dedication to make this a reality.



Amber Bewza ('02)



## Camp Arnes

*By Mrs. Judy Christie*

For the 13th consecutive year, the grade 6 students from Balmoral Hall attended Camp Arnes for an outdoors educational experience. Having spent many years in a "winter" camp setting in January, we opted to change to a different season last year. Moving the camp to September was such a positive move that we rebooked for 1998. This time of year allows us to participate in many different activities.

Upon our arrival, we were greeted by our host and his assistants. With great excitement the girls carried their luggage to Popular Grove, a new modern living facility, which would be home to us for

the next three days. The girls were then taken on a tour of the camp and its surrounding areas so they would feel comfortable and secure on the grounds.

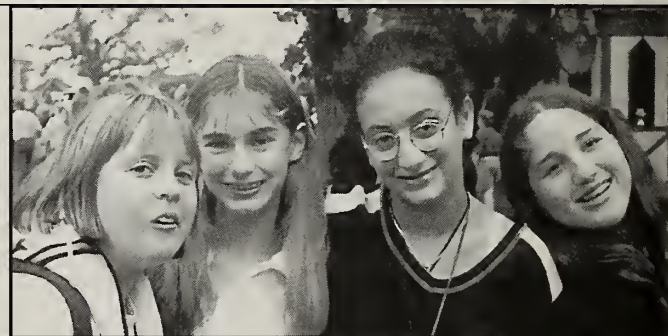
Despite how well planned the activities are, weather plays an important role in what we are able to do. Unfortunately, rain caused sessions of horseback riding and wall climbing to be cancelled. Instead, we were able to take part in an Extravaganza (team challenges) and a second swim in the pool.

If one were to ask the students what they enjoyed the most about the time at camp, they would probably tell you it was the time spent with their friends in their rooms and during freetime. The

most popular activities were: Instincts for Survival - a game depicting the animal hierarchy and resources needed; Emergency Shelter Building - could you survive if you had to, given what few items you had to work with, and Fire Building/Bannock Making. It is wonderful to see the girls participate willingly and to learn something new in this wonderful setting.

In addition, archery with gummy worm rewards, a nature study and hike, necklace making, and cooperative games, kept us very busy all day (and night) long. All in all the food was fabulous, the friends were sincere and fun was the name of the game. We can say we would love to still be there!

## renaissance



*l to r: Laura Penner, Emily Hayden, Meredith Tapper, Rachel Holt*

## Renaissance Festival

*By Mrs. Jill Trickett & Ms Elizabeth Bonnett*

It was 6:30 in the morning of Friday, September 25th when the bus pulled out of the gates of BH Thirty-five Grade 8 students and four teachers were on board, anxious to experience a renaissance fair. Many hours and two rest stops later, we arrived at our hotel. There we unloaded our luggage, checked out the pool and got back onto the bus to tour a local mall. Back at the hotel, after a late night swim, we prepared for our day at the fair.

The site of the Minnesota Renaissance Festival is a permanent location, used every weekend from mid-August to the

end of September, when we traditionally go. It is like a living theatre, where the audience and actors mingle on a stage the size of a village. The performers that work for the Festival are very friendly, and remain in character even when answering our questions. They represent people from all classes of society, as well as different ethnic backgrounds and cultures. Both the buildings and costumes are splendid representations of life during this time period. The whole festival was well-organized, with quality programs, interesting displays and events and excellent craftspeople. All of this without electricity or plumbing.

There were many shops where we could make purchases and watch craftspeople at work (book and paper

making, glass blowing, and making armor for instance) and there were also interactive attractions - scaling towers, archery and fencing, making wax hands and pewter pendants, and hair braiding and face painting.

From bagpipes to breadbowl of fresh stew, Morris dancers to meatless wieners (pickles) the event was enjoyed by all. The day began with a welcome by King Henry and his first wife, expecting her first child. It ended with gypsy drummers sending us along our way, with the courtiers wishing us farewell. We returned, tired, to the hotel for a relaxing evening of swimming, eating and preparing for our journey home.



## The Yurt Adventure

The Grade 7 classes celebrated the arrival of October with a trip to Yurt Adventure Camp located near Minaki, Ontario. Accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Marilyn Clarke, Mrs. Susan Sammons and Mrs. Jill Trickett, the students spent a glorious autumn weekend hiking seven kilometres and learning about edible plants, glaciation and forest ecology. Steep cliffs in the area provided the chance to develop rock-climbing skills under the watchful eyes of Jordie and John. Mounted on all-terrain bike, the girls learned to race both up and down hills safely and then took to the forest trails bouncing over tree roots, rocks and through boggy marshes.

The Friday night campfire was perfect with marshmallows, a terrific singsong and the appearance of the northern lights in a beautiful, clear night sky! For many, sleeping overnight in an unheated yurt in the fall gave them an appreciation of life in Mongolia as well as the value of a warm home.

The weekend provided the students and staff with "a really good chance to get to know each other". The food was a big hit and the host family, including sons Sam and Logan and daughter Sage, were "friendly" and "kind" and "made everyone feel at home". It was a trip full of new experiences, new friends and great fun.



## Residence Thanksgiving Weekend Trip

by Eileen Rieger, Director of Residence

Fifteen International, one Canadian and two chaperones made the trip. Our foray into Edmonton started by leaving Winnipeg at a balmy 17 Celcius, to arrive in Edmonton to a full-blown snowstorm. The Mexican students quite confounded by the vagaries of Canadian weather had rather a frigid prelude to the upcoming prairie winter. None were even adequately attired, however their first snowballs were made and thrown outside the airport, to squeals of hilarity!

The West Edmonton Mall in all its sprawling, grandeur was a welcome first stop, after depositing our luggage at the Sandman Inn. Purchasing coats, scarves, caps and boots were a top priority. Time was well spent trying to find the ideal warm, fashionable, winter attire.

A visit in the afternoon to the Provincial Museum of Alberta proved

to be very educational. The Native and Metis exhibit was excellent. The very detailed, narrative format made for a transition into a historical past, easy and interesting. The dioramas on the different prairie flora and fauna were equally as informative. We returned to the mall for more shopping, supper and a movie.

The next morning we returned to the Mall – students were able to enjoy the many rides at Galaxyland, wallow in the wave pool or challenge the various waterslides at the waterpark. The shopaholics "shopped until they literally dropped." We all shared an enjoyable supper at Planet Hollywood, with its "avant garde" cuisine and décor!

On Sunday the day was spent sightseeing. The Muttart Conservatory – three enormous grass pyramids contained a distinct abundance of vegetation found in different regions in the world. The heat and humidity were in stark contrast to the cold weather outside.

The driver of our bus made sure that a scenic route was taken to the

Edmonton Space and Science Centre. We drove along the Edmonton trail, which curves its way along the river to the Alberta Legislature for a brief photo opportunity. The sixty-kilometre drive along the road, with all the oil refineries, spewing its heavy smoke into the atmosphere was quite unnerving. A dull grey haze hung over the entire area like a ball. Along the way we passed the Stadium and Coliseum and drove through the University of Alberta campus.

The Edmonton Space and Science Centre had a proliferation of hands on exhibits, an incredible bug and beetle "live insect" section, and a unique space section. The Imax Theatre show on the origin of the roller coaster was enjoyed by everyone.

On Monday morning we returned to the mall for the remainder of the students to visit Galaxyland and last minute shopping. A brief stop for lunch and then to the airport for a 5:00 p.m. flight back to the warm and sunny confines of Winnipeg.

Residence



## International Independent Schools' Public Speaking Competition

*By Audrey Greenhill, Debating & Public Speaking Teacher*

St. George's School hosted the 1998 International Independent Schools' Public Speaking Tournament in Vancouver, British Columbia in October. Anna AbouZeid, Kelsey Mills and Jennifer Yamamoto were excellent representatives of Balmoral Hall School. Each participant was required to compete in three events. Forty-seven private schools and 151 students competed. Students came from Canada, the United States, Bermuda, United Kingdom, Argentina and Cyprus. The tournament was well organized, the weather was amazing, the participants were friendly and everyone had fun. Next year the tournament will be held at Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School in Alberta.



*6th Place Overall in the Under 16 category  
l-r: Kelsey Mills, Jennifer Yamamoto, Anna AbouZeid*

## BH Hosts Rupert's Land Debating Tournament

*By Steven Pauls, Debating & Public Speaking Teacher*

After all the preparations and hype for this tournament, we were pleased to see fifteen schools from all four western Canadian provinces arrive on the weekend of November 14th. Many of our guests were excellent competition for our girls and, importantly, some lasting friendships were made over the course of the weekend. We are very proud of the strong cast of BH girls who courageously participated in the competition, including Jessica Jacobs-Mino, Sarah Coates, Anna AbouZeid, Anna Penner, Renee Phipps, Simmy Bhullar, Katie Brownell, Ginny Koreman, Sarah Gravelines, Cara Bass, Crystal Bewza and Jennifer Yamamoto. We

are also very thankful to the many girls from Grade 7 - Senior 4 who acted as Madame Speakers, timers, runners, greeters, envelope stuffers and data entry analysts. A special thank you to all the judges and staff members who greatly contributed to a smooth running tournament.

The tournament was basically divided into two parts. In the morning, everybody participated in two rounds of parliamentary debate. Assertions like "the unwise should never be allowed to handle large sums of money", "brides should wear black" and "life itself is grossly overrated" were heard echoing throughout the halls of our complex. In the afternoon hours, students competed in the categories of persuasive Speaking and Impromptu Speaking. Certainly, this was no easy task and many judges have since told us of their admiration for everyone who

participated. Special congratulations to Anna AbouZeid for her third place finish in the Persuasive category and to Katie Brownell for her second place finish in the Impromptu category. *Anna Penner had a great day finishing third overall and will represent Manitoba in the Canadian National Public Speaking Competition.*

This tournament was in fact a landmark day for its organizers as well. Audrey Greenhill was more than a resource of information and coach. She also managed to startle the judges with her insightful analogies and metaphors during the briefing. For me, it was more than my first crack at organizing a debating tournament; it was my personal initiation into BH life. All in all, it was a lot of fun and we're looking forward to another successful Rupert's Land Tournament in '99.



# "THEY WERE TRULY IMPRESSIVE"

## Boston Debating Tournament

*By Steven Pauls, Debating & Public Speaking Teacher*

Roxbury Latin School, the oldest continuously running secondary school in North America invited Balmoral Hall to its annual debating tournament. We entered two novice and two advanced teams. Our novice teams of Kristen Gale, Cara Bass, Roberta Stephen and Aliza Sharfe did very well competing against some of the most promising novice debaters in North America. Hats off to the senior novices, each having at least one debate with a score of 80 or better, no easy feat.

Our advanced team proved to be too much for their opponents. With 1,012 points, they had the best overall advanced team score. Way to go Anna AbouZeid, Anna Penner, Sarah Coates and Katie Brownell! Anna AbouZeid and Anna Penner had 2 of the 3 highest scores in an individual debate – Anna AbouZeid with an unusual 97 points, the very best mark in the tournament.

Thus, it was not surprising that the Roxbury Latin Debate Society invited Anna Penner and Anna AbouZeid to debate in the championship round, a public debate against another formidable girls' school from Boston –

Windsor School. With the spirit of fun and humour, and putting the large crowd in stitches, our debaters made a large splash at the tournament. They were truly impressive!

In turn, the city of Boston impressed the girls with its incredible history, fine places to eat (including lunch at "Cheers") and street dancing – all in the memory of Christopher Columbus. My cousin was also kind enough to give the girls a tour of Harvard University. Some of the sights included the Library (the oldest in any North American University) and a Dining Hall which resembled the Notre Dame Cathedral. All in all, an amazing trip!



Report



*BH Debating Team in Boston*

## McGill Debating Tournament

*By Audrey Greenhill, Debating & Public Speaking Teacher*

On November 13 & 14, six Balmoral Hall students took part in the High School Debating Competition held in Montreal and hosted by McGill University. This year there were 194

debaters who competed. The students who capably represented Balmoral Hall were the teams of Lindsay Ross-Stewart and Jessica Jacobs-Mino, Kristen Gale and Carissa Nikkel, and Darcie Levy and Lauren Thiessen. Each team had five rounds of impromptu debates and debated against students from Canada and the

United States. This tournament provided an excellent opportunity for the student to improve their debating skills and to gain more experience in Impromptu Debating. After the Tournament, there was some time for exploring Montreal, attend a hockey game at the Molson Centre, and dining in old Montreal!



## Shizuoka-Eiwa/Balmoral Hall Japanese Summer School

By John Kiddell

For the seventh year in a row, BH students immersed themselves in a Japanese milieu without ever leaving Winnipeg. Every July, forty Japanese Grade 10 girls with their three teachers visit Balmoral Hall and spend ten days learning English and participating in numerous tours and activities. Our Canadian girls share residence with the Japanese girls, take part in the same excursions, and study Japanese language and customs from one of the Japanese teachers. The experience is obviously so rewarding that some of the BH students have been involved with the program for five or six years.

The activities in which the students were involved ranged from the formal to the outright silly. Ms Murakami provided Japanese language instruction to our girls and had them participate in such Japanese cultural activities as the tea ceremony, the making of sushi and origami. Both The Honourable Jack Reimer, provincial government minister, and Mayor Thompson, warmly received us at their respective offices and added dignity to the summer school. Canoeing, horseback riding, and skating provided activities which some of the girls had never before encountered, and the old standbys, such as visits to the Forks, and the Museum gave a good perspective on our city. The silliness occurred with the Chicken Dance and YMCA being

particularly popular dance songs on the Paddlewheel Cruise and with a gym riot taking place one evening at the school. An overnight stay at Hecla Resort capped off a wonderful ten days.

We are always ready to welcome Balmoral Hall students who would like to share in this cultural exchange. Please contact Mrs. Cheryl Briggs at the school if you would like to know more about it. The smiling tears that pour down the faces of the hosts and visitors is a significant indicator of the friendships that are created by this unique summer school.

*"The experience is obviously so rewarding that some of the BH students have been involved with the program for 5 to 6 years."*

## Do you know someone interested in renting the school's facilities?

Since the completion of the school's newest facilities, several corporations, organizations and schools have been renting space from Balmoral Hall. These rentals generate revenue for the school and increase awareness among the community of the school's tremendous facilities.

The Richardson Athletic Centre has been host to several volleyball teams, bringing spectators, officials, and players to the school. In the fall, JJH McLean and Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate both made use of the Sifton Family Theatre and in 1999, we will be home to Sports Officials of the Pan American Games. They plan to use the residence, kitchen and space in Aikins House.

We welcome corporations who wish to host presentations, meetings and computer training sessions in:

- Our 204-seat theatre with a lobby and backstage area, featuring an LCD projector and 8' x 10' electric wall screen. The theatre comes fully-equipped with theatrical lighting and sound system.
- One of our 3 computer labs:
- 23-computer IBM lab – Windows 95, Microsoft Publisher 2.0, Word 97 and PowerPoint
- 23-computer Mac lab – ClarisWorks, HyperStudio, Internet access
- 10-computer Technology Resource Centre - QuickTime VR, MiniCAD 7, Director, Strata VideoShop, Adobe Photoshop, Claris Homepage, Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator 7.0, Painter 5.0
- All 3 labs are equipped with scanners and colour projectors

Balmoral Hall also invites you to tour our state-of-the-art facilities which now include:

- A two-court Athletic Centre
- An outdoor patio adjacent to the Theatre overlooking the Assiniboine River
- A beautiful Common Room with fireplace
- A Residence with 11 one-bedrooms and 9 bachelor rooms
- A kitchen with first-class catering

Balmoral Hall can transform any event into an outstanding one! If you belong to an organization that is interested in renting these facilities, call us today!

Please contact Hildy Thiessen at (204) 784-1620 for details.



## Summer Stars purchase Theatre Seat

By Sarah Carter ('98)

This past summer, I conducted a performing arts camp called "Summer Stars" in the new theatre. It ran from August 17th to 28th and each age group attended for two hours a day between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Over the course of the program, we played drama games, practiced script interpretation, improvised, danced, went through an audition process and sang our hearts out! In just ten days, we put together an incredible performance of Mary Poppins. Everyone was involved, and every single child had their chance to be a star.

The final performance was a sold out show, and as a result of its success we were able to purchase a theatre seat in the name of the 1998 Summer Stars! It was wonderful to work in such a great facility. We made use of the playground, kitchen, and backstage as well as the theatre. I am so pleased that everyone had such a great time. The Summer Stars program will be run again next year and I hope to see everyone who was involved as well as some new faces!

## Get Ready for Something New!

Balmoral Hall is venturing into Summer Programs starting in June 1999. Six weeks of action-packed activities will be offered for the first time this summer.

Activities include Day Camps for children 5 to 12 years old, Sport Camps, Orff Music Camp, Theatre Camp, Trip Camp, Academic credit courses and much more. In keeping with Balmoral Hall's school philosophy, all activities will be designed to strengthen and develop skills and interests, nurture creativity, and foster social interaction. "Summer at BH" will provide the campers with a fun, safe and challenging atmosphere to explore new ideas, expand newfound skills and share their experiences with friends.

Activities will be taught by Counsellors, teachers and experts in their fields. More information, including a brochure, will be available in March. For more information, please feel free to contact Lisa Calsbeck, Summer Programs Coordinator at 784-1665.

## Join us in the Theatre!

Balmoral Hall's upcoming Theatre Productions are sure to be a treat! Support the student's efforts by joining us in the Sifton Family Theatre for:

### Short Shots

March 16 & 17, 1999

Presented by Senior I and III classes  
These two evenings of theatrics will provide an informal opportunity to share classwork with family, friends and alumnae.

### Fiddler on the Roof

April 28, 29, 30 & May 1, 1999. The award-winning musical that fills us with tears and laughter. Call 784-1600 to buy your ticket today!





## Terry Fox

*By Mrs. Joan Webb, PhysEd Staff*

For many years now, Balmoral Hall has supported the efforts of the Terry Fox Foundation to raise money for cancer research. Traditionally, the school has organized a walk for run that involves everyone in Grades 1 to Senior 4. Homeroom teachers collect donations from anyone who wishes to contribute. This year the run was on Thursday,

September 17th. We returned to the picturesque river trail towards to Forks, through fabulous fall colours and warm summer temperatures.

As in the past, some older students were paired with younger girls in Grades 1,2,3 and 4. Checkpoints were set up at fixed distances to promote incentive to go as far as possible for extra house points. The farthest point of the route was 3 kilometres away from the South Langside exit from the

school. Two hundred of our students checked in at that farthest point and many of them were from Junior School! This was an impressive accomplishment.

Students from Braemar House won the event in donations collected and distance travelled. The school raised \$1,761.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Thank you parents, volunteers and faculty who assisted this year.



# day of giving

## A Lending Hand

*by Gunwant Sandhu ('99),  
Community Service Prefect*

On Tuesday, December 15th, Balmoral Hall held its annual Community Service Day of Giving. This was the first year I was actually able to help in organizing this incredible event. For those of you who do not know why this day is so important, I will briefly explain. On this day, all students from Grades 7 to Senior 4 volunteer at various agencies throughout the city.

I would first of all like to thank all the students, teachers and staff who gave their time to volunteer on this day. Without their help, it is evident that this day wouldn't have been possible. On behalf of all students at Balmoral Hall, I would like to extend a great amount of gratitude to Mrs. Lee Anderson. It was because of her patience, endurance and determination that this day has become a reality over the past couple of years.

However, had I been Mrs. Anderson, I'm sure I would have needed at the very least, three bottles of Tylenol!

Among the agencies students volunteered at were: Gifts for Kids, Health Sciences Centre, Winnipeg Humane Society, and Agape Taple (a soup kitchen) plus a countless number of other agencies. Obviously, this day is important for both the school and our community. It's not about receiving credit for Community Service or receiving any media attention for what the students are doing. Volunteering is all about helping those who are less fortunate than us, aiding children and adults alike who in some cases, are in dire need of aid from others. At Balmoral Hall, Community Service is a big part of school life. I am quite proud to say that our Day of Giving was a big success. I can only anticipate that it will be as successful, meaningful and important for many years to come.

## Upcoming Fundraisers

By participating in fundraising activities, students learn about agencies that need volunteers to make our world a better place. Teenage volunteers gain respect for being positive, productive, caring people, not the image always portrayed in the media. Most of all, students feel good about being useful at their age which can be an empowering experience.

In the upcoming months, students will participate in the Heart & Stroke Foundation 'Jump Rope for Heart', Bake Sales, a Plant Sale, and the CIBC 'Run for the Cure' in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Students will also be volunteering at the Teddy Bear's Picnic, the M.S. Super Cities Walk, 'Starry Starry Night' in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, the Variety Telethon and selling tickets for the Rehabilitation Centre for Children at Manitoba Moose hockey games.



# MESSAGE FROM ALUMNAE PRESIDENT

Balmoral Hall, our alma mater, is certainly an exciting and excellent school to be a part of this year and in the years to come. As the incoming President of the Alumnae Association, with an active Alumnae Board and Heritage Committee, the Alumnae are getting involved in the future direction of our school.

The aims of our Association are:

- to engender a feeling of fellowship and common purpose among the former students and staff of Havergal, Rupert's Land, Riverbend, and Balmoral Hall Schools;
- to give support to and to represent the interest of the Association within the school community;
- to engage in a variety of activities so as to assist the school and to encourage the support of its future graduates for the programs of the Association.

We are working towards these aims. If you would like to become involved with the Alumnae Association, please speak up! We are currently looking for more alumnae participation.

Fundraising for Balmoral Hall School – you knew this topic was going to come up! As President of the Balmoral Hall Alumnae Association, I am looking for the support of my fellow alums in the upcoming Annual Giving Campaign. Differing from our past annual giving campaigns – this Campaign is now including the entire BH Family – with no stone left unturned. We are looking for your support and you can allocate your funds specifically to your area of interest.

As an Alumnae Board, we are looking for increased participation from our alums in the Campaign. Your contributions to Annual Giving are important. The Campaign runs separately from the day-to-day operations of the school and helps to fund activities, equipment, Aikins House restoration,

bursaries and scholarships that are not part of the operating budget of the school. I am hoping that you will think of your years at your school, be it Havergal, Rupert's Land, Riverbend, or Balmoral Hall, and towards the Centennial of the school with pride and warm thoughts as you get out your cheque book and make a donation towards the Annual Giving Campaign.

As you can see from their report in this issue, the Heritage Committee has been very busy! The plans for Aikins House have all been made...some of the work has already been completed and there is much left to do. Restoration is scheduled for completion in time for the Centennial Year of the school (2001-2002) and the Spring Reunions. This is fast approaching and I strongly encourage Alumnae to get involved. Coincidentally, 2002 also marks the 100th Anniversary of Aikins House...and a grand old house it is. Until then, find your old school keepsakes, look for photographs, dust off your School Doll and stay in touch.

Closer at hand, the Alumnae Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 18, 1999. In our efforts to offer new venues for the alumnae, this meeting will be held in Aikins House this year to give alumnae an opportunity to see the work that has been done to the House and the plans for the future. A "Wine & Cheque" Reception will immediately follow - proceeds to go towards Aikins House restoration or any other area of the school you choose. No donation is too large or too small! Come back to the school, see your old friends, make some new friends, see what the Alumnae Board is up to...I'm sure that you will be pleasantly surprised! I encourage you all to attend. The Balmoral Hall of today is well positioned for the future. With approximately 550 students at the school, it is certainly a vibrant place between 8:30 and 4:00! There have been many positive

changes over the years and it is certainly a school to be proud of. Please feel free to come back for a tour of the new facilities. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, April 18, 1999 at Aikins House!



Tannis (Leach) Nuttall '83

## Alumnae Association 1998-99 Board

- Tannis (Leach) Nuttall '83, *President*
- Catherine (Coughlin) Thiessen '78, *Past President*
- Shelley Muir '81, *Secretary*
- Maria (Clark) Lysack '82, *Treasurer*
- Lyn Stephen '57, *Archivist*
- Ruby (Benidickson) Ashdown (Riv.'39), *Co-Chair, Heritage Committee*
- Diane Sidebottom-Roulston '80, *Co-chair, Heritage Committee*
- T'Shura Elias '94
- Christine Hinchliffe '88
- Debbie Metcalfe '76
- Susan (Graham) Scott '81
- Sarah Young '98





## A Family Affair

This photograph shows Kathleen (Dunlop) Henderson Litch who taught Domestic Science and English at Riverbend in the mid 1930's. Lee (Dunlop) Anderson, niece of Kathleen has been teaching Design Art and Community Service Learning at BH since 1990. Dick Litch is seen here accompanying his wife.

Kathleen's father (Lee's grandfather), J.E.S. Dunlop was the School Inspector during her tenure in the 30's. Kathleen's son, Stan, attended Kindergarten at BH in the mid 40's and her daughter, Shirley Litch Mercer attended Senior School and was a Rezzie in the 60's.

Kathleen and Dick came to Winnipeg and to Balmoral Hall on August 12, 1998 to attend the wedding reception of Lee's son, Rob. This photo was taken at the school's front office. Now, is this a BH family?



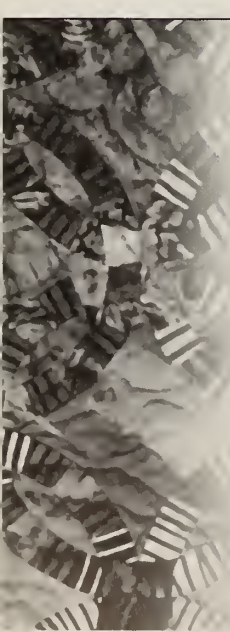
**Mrs Peggy (Aikins) Sellers**, a past parent and the granddaughter of Sir James Aikins who bequeathed his home to the school in 1929, was recently recognized for her long history of generous financial support and extensive volunteer commitment to the Manitoba Cancer Foundation. She was acknowledged as an outstanding Manitoba community builder and Philanthropist and presented with the first Janice Filmon Award for Leadership in the Advancement of Cancer Care and Research in Manitoba. In November of 1998, St. John's College at the University of Manitoba also recognized Mrs Sellers tremendous support over the years and presented her with a Doctor of Canon Law (Honoris Causa).

*Seen here are BH alumnae gathered for a wine & lunch in Kenora – Summer 1997*  
*l-r: Jean (Riley) Senft ('67), Trish (Pennock) Biggs ('67), Cathy Pennock ('67), Leslie (Stovel) Sprange ('67), Jane (Ferguson) Simpson ('68)*

## Celebrating 100 years with 100 profiles of our BH Family

Alumnae, parents, students, staff and grandparents: Our goal is to gather your profiles before the year 2001 in celebration of the history and diversity of our BH Community. Contact the Development Office with your suggestions for profile candidates.

profiles



## Jocelyne (Wilson) Patenaude ('59)

Jocelyne is an award winning artist who has exhibited her work in Canada, the USA and Europe. Her interests include aesthetic, iconographic and metaphoric aspects of quilting.

After graduating from Balmoral Hall, Jocelyne attended the University of Manitoba for one year and then studied Nursing at Winnipeg General. She moved to Montreal where she still resides today, married and raised her family. In the mid 80's,

she obtained her Fine Arts Degree from Concordia University.

This past December, Jocelyne displayed her work at an exhibition in St. Norbert, just outside Winnipeg. With a display of 15 quilts made mostly of recycled materials, the show was well received by the community. Having quilted for a number of years, she explained how quilts are only now being considered art by the art world. "This was my first solo-show and it was exciting to come home for it!", she exclaimed. Her creations are a mix of hand sewn and machine

quilts, often using men's silk ties, wool and cotton.

Jocelyne has fond memories of Balmoral Hall and was quick to mention that she belonged to the Glen Gairn House. She often thinks of what the school gave her as a person and remembers studying things very seriously...she even remembers the poems recited in her Grade 10 class. She also recalls laying on the riverbank in the summer with friends, pulling up her tunic to get some sun.

Congratulations Jocelyne on your first 'solo show'!





### **Babs Friesen**

*by Heather Emberley*

The Balmoral Hall community has been greatly enriched by its association with Babs Friesen. From attending events like Grandparents Day with Suzanne in Grade 4 to drama productions such as Invisible Friends to see S1 friend Jennifer Yamamoto, Babs is a staunch supporter of our school. A Science

grad (U of M 1939) Babs majored in Math and Chemistry, a result she says of "having attended an all girls school where no one told us we couldn't do those things then."

In 1998 Babs won the Premier's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Volunteering. A former YWCA Board member, Babs has volunteered for the Y for 25 years. She was one of four original members who founded the Women's Resource Centre and the Grief Centre. To this day Babs still devotes 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. five days a week to service by answering the many calls to the Centre, maintaining the Library and updating lists of women's organizations.

Babs is a role model of dedication to service to others has also volunteered for the Girl Guides, her Church, the

Provincial Council of Women, the University Womens' Club, and the United Nations Platform for Action (Mb). A benefactor of Babs' commitment to volunteers is BH grad Megan Glassco (class of '80) who is President of Queen's University Alum and a colleague of Babs. Megan has been mentored in volunteering at the Y by Babs for many years and has spear-headed events such as the Brown Bag Lunch Speakers Series.

Beginning as a delegate in 1985 to a conference in Nairobi, Babs has continued her involvement in women's and human rights issues, culminating in a current interest in the Girl Child project. As an advocate for lifelong learning, we may just see Babs joining a class in the Computer Lab as her next goal is to master the computer and Internet.

# distinguished lives

*"I believe in women and their power to make a significant contribution to the world."*

### **Megumi Matsuo Saunders**

*by Heather Emberley*

Japanese Language teacher, Megumi Saunders graced the halls of Balmoral Hall five years ago and has been quietly providing leadership in women's issues ever since. Educated in Japan, married to a Winnipegger, Megumi is the proud mother of a daughter and a son.

A world traveller, Megumi has attended conferences in human rights and women's issues in China, Zimbabwe and throughout North America. Upon her recent return from Sudan, where she was one of four international women invited to observe the effect of the war situation, Megumi reflected, "Africa has opened my eyes to people who are suffering because of a lack of

basic human rights". She is currently writing a report on her analysis of displaced women and widows with children in Sudan. The report also reviews the many international agencies' support on literacy, craft and food production strategies for women. "When I come face to face with the plight of others, I keep on knocking on the door of injustice," proclaims Megumi. At BH Megumi sees "potential world leaders" and for her one of the joys of teaching here is "discovering the talents, gifts and leadership of the students." Megumi states that she "believes in women and their power to make a significant contribution to the world." At BH we are fortunate to have Megumi's contribution of international perspective.





# NEW EVENTS FOR THE GIRLS OF BH

**March 4, Thursday**

## **Career Day**

1-3:30 p.m. Are you passionate about what you do? Come share your work experiences with future Alumnae. Guests are asked to make a 30 minute presentation with a 10 minute question & answer period. Please contact Heather Emberley, Career Counsellor at 784-1699 to get involved.

**March 14, Wednesday**

## **2001 Celebrations – Alumnae Brainstorming Session evening**

How can alumnae contribute to the 100th Birthday of Balmoral Hall School? Join us to share your feelings and ideas. You have a role to play in these celebrations and we'd like to start planning now! Meeting will be held at the school. Call Tina Alto at 784-1614 for more details or to confirm your attendance.

**April 18, Sunday**

## **Wine & Cheque Party**

Join us for an event in support of the Aikins House Restoration Fund. The Alumnae Association Annual General Meeting will also be held in Aikins House that afternoon. For more information, contact Tannis Nuttall, Alumnae Association President at 982-4746 or Tina Alto, Director of Development & Alumnae at 784-1614.

**June 1, Tuesday**

## **Doll Ceremony & Welcome to Class of '99**

2:30 p.m. The tradition continues and we'd love to have you among us for the BH Doll Ceremony. Following the assembly, alumnae will gather with the class of '99 for a short reception in the Common Room.

**June 21, Monday**

## **BH Golf Invitational Classic**

1:30 p.m. Hosted by the Parent Association at the Niakwa Country Club, this 1st Annual Texas Scramble Tournament will be a spectacular day of golf complete with dinner and prizes. All entries will be processed on a first come, first served basis at a cost of \$200. Hole sponsorships are also available. Entry forms will be available soon. For more information, please call Mitch Zajac at 694-8900 or Cheryl Maidment at 663-0008.

**May 14-15, Fri-Sat**

## **Class of '89 Reunion**

It has been 10 years! Mark your calendars and plan to be at BH this May. The weekend is being kicked off with a cocktail party on Friday and a Golf & Dinner on Saturday. To get involved in the planning or to confirm your attendance, contact the Alumnae Department at (204) 784-1613.

**Yes! – BH is on the web**

**Visit us at:**

[www.BalmoralHall.winnipeg.mb.ca](http://www.BalmoralHall.winnipeg.mb.ca)

Our site has recently been updated and will soon include the names of alumnae whose addresses have gone missing.

Help us find them so that they may join us for the school's 100th Birthday in 2001.

We welcome your comments or suggestions.

To communicate with your Alumnae Department, drop us an e-mail at the school at [bhalum@minet.gov.mb.ca](mailto:bhalum@minet.gov.mb.ca)

## **Class Reunions**

Alumnae are always welcome to organize class reunions and the Alumnae Association will do what it can to assist. The school keeps an extensive record of current addresses of Alumnae of Balmoral Hall. Stay in touch with the school as you move from one address to another! You never know when a fellow classmate will want to contact you!



**Class of '89 Reunion – May 14 & 15, 1999**



## Heritage Committee Report

by Ruby Ashdown & Diane Sidebottom-Roulston, Co-Chairs

The Heritage Committee and the Alumnae Board are to have a "new home location". We were pleased to be informed that Aikins House is to become headquarters to the Alumnae, Heritage Committee and the Archivist. We are to share space on the second floor with the Parent Association. These groups fit well together sharing a common goal working for the school as independent support groups.

The Heritage Committee has been off to a busy start. Planning policy – ordering carpets and re-upholstering furniture. In Spring 1998 the arm of one of our settees was broken, a most unfortunate accident. This fall we sent the piece out for repair and recovering. At this time it was discovered that none of the previous fabrics had been

removed, right back to the original. Through this we were able to confirm this piece is 100 plus years old - and our archives now has samples of the original fabrics and the hand made upholstery tacks. The settee is now back in the House with a slipcover and is beautiful!

The Heritage Committee is planning a spring event in April 1999. Watch your mail for an invitation into Aikins House to see our work in progress. We hope some of you will donate your time and possessions. Details to come in the invitation. In the meantime we still need your financial support. Please look for us on the "All School Annual Giving". Funds will be used for the ongoing work of the restoration and preservation of Aikins House. We look forward to seeing you in spring – thank you for your support.



*l-r- Dime Riley (Riverbend '36), Barbara Tiller (BH '60), Arla Sidebottom (RLS '47), Diane Sidebottom-Roulston (BH '80) selecting fabric for the Main Floor of Aikins House*

## Who is the woman in the black dress?

Just inside the entrance to Aikins House hangs this portrait of a grey-haired woman in a black dress. Recent attempts to learn the identity of this woman have not been successful. Anyone who can provide information about this painting is asked to contact Lyn Stephen, School Archivist at 784-1641.



## Where is the "Lady with the Lamp"?

This statue graced the reception hall at Rupert's Land and is fondly remembered by those who attended the school.

Marianne (Hollamby) Burwood, RLS '48 writes: "I know that all RLS Alums would be delighted to see her re-instated at BH. If I lived in Winnipeg, I would love to take on the challenge of tracking her down."

Here's a Centennial Project for the detectives in our midst! In her letter, Marianne suggests a number of avenues for exploration. Please contact the Development & Alumnae Director at 784-1614 for more information.



our roots



## Share your BH Memories

As we approach our Centennial year in 2001, the alumnae section of the Portal will have a new 'Memories' feature. We want you to send us your most memorable memories of your years at Balmoral Hall. If you have pictures, please send them or send a colour photocopy.

**'Memories' can be sent to:**  
**Balmoral Hall School**  
**Alumnae Office**  
**630 Westminster Avenue**  
**Winnipeg MB R3C 3S1**

**To kick off this feature,**  
**Lisa Shore ('75) writes:**

Do you remember swing tag? It was the raison d'être of recess. It brought the whole school together in one cataclysm of competition. It united the long and lean with the short and quick and left the rest of us standing interminably in line.

Swing tag was a subculture. When you think about it, the game was more than a part of the school life. In a decade where "cool" was created and many intolerance's still prevailed, swing tag became the great equalizer. Heroes were born and hierarchy was established regardless of who you were and what you looked like. It was a big deal to us BH'ers but no one knew what the heck we were

talking about if we took it outside the school gates!

I don't know who invented the game but it needed the most precisely designed swing set. I can't even remember all the rules but I do remember the finesse it took to leap to the far pole and wrap yourself around it to be "safe" — still with the swing firmly attached to you butt. The game evolved, as did the rules, spurned on by the ingenuity and athleticism of the players. It was a wonderful thing.

It is appropriate that I should be reflecting on this phenomenon thirty years later as I was one of the kids watching and waiting in line. We waited. Boy, did we wait. I was in Junior School and I think there was an unspoken rule that the younger ones had second priority and had to wait behind the Seniors. (Remember I mentioned a hierarchy?). Anyway, the participation was fabulous until you realized the girls who were presently on the swings were so good that you would never be "up". An then, of course, the bell would ring and we would scatter to our studies with hope eternal that maybe next recess we would get our turn.

So many facets of our young lives carve out the adult we become. Can swing tag have a place here? We were just kids playing a game during recess. Looking back, I can see how the seeds

of healthy competition, quick thinking, team spirit, self-confidence and creativity took root in those early years. And for me, waiting in line, I learned patience and optimism as well.

Joking aside, let us all be aware of what our children are learning in their playgrounds. Let us be cognizant of the early influences upon the development of the tools that will take them through their lives. If all of our children are learning what we did with swing tag, they'll be ok.

## On a More Personal Note

*By Tannis (Leach) Nuttall ('83)*

As an alum, I enrolled my 4-year old daughter in Junior Kindergarten this year. I have to say that pulling in to the parking lot on her first day of school brought back many happy memories. I remembered back to my first day of school — and my older sister Barb ('81) showing me the ropes. Paige had a complete look of trepidation - all of these girls, all dressed in the same uniform, and this BIG school. She is in the groove now and I have to admit that viewing all of her white shirts in the closet and green socks and tights in her drawer is quite comforting!

My grandfather drove the three of us to school on occasion including my two sisters Barb ('81) and Margo ('87). He always made sure to let us know, in the car, how lucky we three were to go to such a good school. Probably the same comments he made to my mother (Gail Allman Leach '57) while he was taking her to school. As a student, I of course did not recognize this until much later...I remembered his comments this Fall, as I picked up my daughter after school. In the midst of her laughter in the playground with her new friends, I thought about how lucky my daughter is to go to such a good school...and that I should remember to mention it to her, in the car.





## Marjorie (Heeney) Mott ('25)

Sent in by Beryl (Ford) Chown ('40): On July 7, 1998, my husband and I attended the 90th birthday celebration of Marjorie Heeney Mott. Marjorie attended Rupert's Land School graduating in 1925. Her father was Canon Heeney of St. Luke's Anglican Church in Winnipeg. Marjorie lives in Pittsford, NY, near Rochester but spends the summers at Lac des Iles, Quebec in the Laurentians. She and her husband, the late Dr. F.S. Mott, built a lovely summer home there. My family and I have also spent summers at Lac des Iles for many years and I treasure our special friendship with Marjorie.

## Dorothy (Peggy) Lawson ('32)

Dorothy shared with us how much she likes to read about Rupert's Land Alums. She resides in Winnipeg.

## Elsbeth (Young) Nickerson ('45)

Elsbeth celebrated a landmark birthday in May 1998 at a family reunion in Sechelt, B.C. with sister Sheila (Young) Zimmerman and her husband Bill, and brother Chris Young and his wife Ann. Bear spoor was spotted in the rain forest, but no bears! She teaches piano to students who range in age from 5 to 45.

## E. Josephine (Joey) Adamson ('52)

After studying for Grades 7 to 9 at Rupert's Land, Josephine became very involved in the school in roles such as Sports Captain, Prefect (Braemar), staff member, Alumnae Board member and Chair. She remembers 'May Day' and ORFF MUSIC! Her former husband J.B. Milton died in 1996 after a brief illness due to cancer. In November 1997, Joy McDiarmid ('56) became her winter star boarder while she has assumed the role of her summer star boarder at Victoria Beach. Joy continues her work with Voices in the Night: A Cancer Companion while Josephine works as the Education Coordinator for the Canadian Diabetes Association. A proud grandmother of 6, Josephine's granddaughter Jennifer Ainley is currently in Grade 3 at BH

## Valerie Holm ('59)

Valerie spends 6 months in Hollywood FL in a condo on the beach and the other 6 months at her home on Lake of the Woods. She has a 4 year old grandson, Dylan Croll who lives in Morden. She and her husband Trevor skied for 3 weeks at Angel Fire NM last February and their favourite activity in the summer is sailing through Northern Harbour. They travel extensively in North America and plan to visit the U.K. and Europe in 2000.

## Madeleine Murray ('64)

Madeleine lives in Sydney, Australia. After ten years of painting backdrops for films, she became a journalist and writes offbeat articles for men's magazines, serious stories for Elle, and about entertainment technology. She will be writing the programs for the Sydney 2000 Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and will be their media person. Her 26 year old son Orlando lives in Sydney as well, and paints for films. She body surfs every day, does some ocean sailing and loves birdwatching, as Australia has some wonderful birds. She would like to hear from anyone at mad@netline.net.au

## Barb Fraser ('79)

Barb is living in Calgary and married to Neil Smith. They have a terrific 6 year old daughter, Emily. Barb and Neil are both self-employed and work together. Barb is a financial consultant and Neil is a C.A. Barb says "Hi" to fellow students listed in the previous Portal – Judi, Jane and Pam and to other fellow alumnae. Barb would love to hear from classmates at barb.fraser@shaw.wave.ca

## Ariel T. Gurvey ('81)

Ariel is living in Houston, Texas and is interested in putting together an e-mail distribution list with the Class of '81. She was happy to get in touch with a few people and is sure that others must also have e-mail. Drop her a note at arielg@slb.com

## Isabel Murray ('84)

Isabel completed an M.A. in Economics in Toronto and was hired in Ottawa by the Department of Energy, Mines & Resource. In 1994, under a federal program to help Russia, she was seconded to Moscow on loan to their University of Fuel & Energy. In 1995 she was hired by a Moscow office (PAF) funded by Western oil companies to handle relations with Moscow authorities. In 1997, she moved to the OECD's International Energy Agency in Paris as advisor on Soviet energy matters.

## Deidre Prosen ('85)

Deidre is currently living in Davidson North Carolina with her husband, Michael Oldani. They got married this past summer and she took a job at Davidson College as a two year Visiting Assistant Professor of Art.

## Anna Lisa Cohen ('85)

Anna Lisa dropped by the school last fall to say hello. Seen here, she located the Class of 1985 handprints and smiled as she found her own.



## Debbie (Shawcross) Moreau ('86)

Debbie has been married for 4 years and has a three year old daughter who will be starting Nursery School in 1999. She works for her parents' company as a bookkeeper. She would love to hear from classmates at northend@mb.sympatico.ca

## Jillian Condra ('86)

Jill Condra has completed her Masters Degree and is now living in Vancouver and teaching at the University of British Columbia. She is in the faculty of Nutrition and Family Studies.

## Margo Adams Larsen ('88)

Margo and her husband Brad have moved to Dublin, Ohio. She is working toward a doctorate in Psychology and started her internship in Neuro-Psychology at Ohio State University last fall.



## Darlene Andison ('88)

Last summer, twelve graduates of Balmoral Hall got together to celebrate their ten year reunion. Flying in from California, Toronto, Vancouver and the U.K, this group spent a wonderful weekend in Lake of the Woods but were somewhat disappointed that they could not contact everyone. For those of you who missed it, check out the Class of '88 website through the Alumnae page of the BH website [www.BalmoralHall.winnipeg.mb.ca](http://www.BalmoralHall.winnipeg.mb.ca) Thank you Darlene for a great job!

## Jennifer Kay ('89)

Jennifer left BH in Grade 8 when her parents moved to Victoria. She graduated from Glenlyon Norfolk School and entered the University of Victoria where she received her B.A. Honours in 1994. In the fall of that same year, she began her M.A. and spent a year in Berlin doing the research for her thesis. She successfully defended her thesis in Berlin and received her M.A. from UVIC in November of 1997. She is now living in London, England and is working for the British Council, which is the cultural arm of the British Government's Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

## Patricia Maia ('89)

Patricia graduated from Dalhousie University in May of 1998 with a Law Degree and is articling at Wolch Pinx Tapper. She was married in May and will be graduating from the University of Manitoba in October with a Masters Degree.

## Alison Filuk ('89)

Alison is the Manager of the Young Canada store at Polo Park Shopping Centre in Winnipeg. Her store was profiled in the Winnipeg Free Press last August when the "poor boy" caps worn by athletes such as Gretzky and Stojko were the hot item during the Olympics. She is completing her Marketing Management at Red River Community College and says she often has BH students shopping in her store, looking for green tights! She is looking forward to her ten year reunion.

## Sarina Pal ('89)

Sarina is teaching Grade 3 in Fort Bend Independent School District, Colony Meadows Elementary School, Texas. She has also completed her Masters Degree of Education from the University of Texas. She can be reached at [palshouston@aol.com](mailto:palshouston@aol.com)

## Aki Tajima ('92)

After graduating with a B.S. from the University of Minnesota in 1997, Aki transferred to Veterinary Medicine at Azabu University in Japan in 1998. She is now in her 2nd year and is planning to graduate in 2003. She would like to get a hold of her BH friends, especially those who graduated in 1992. Her e-mail address is [V97212@azabu-u.ac.jp](mailto:V97212@azabu-u.ac.jp)

## Vanessa Schreyer ('93)

Vanessa is in the Faculty of Human Ecology at the University of Manitoba. She has been returning to BH for one day a week to complete a dietetics mentorship with Carol Wright. With Carol's background as a registered dietitian and the Food Service Manager, Vanessa is gaining experience for her dietetic internship. Welcome back Vanessa!

## Sarah Carter ('98)

Sarah spent her 1st term studying in Switzerland at the Neuschâtel Junior College. While at the European American International Schools Debating Tournament in Vienna, she placed 4th in Dramatic Interpretation category. Congratulations Sarah! She returned home for Christmas and caught up with her classmates in Aikins House at the Class of '98 Holiday Get-Together.

## Pizza Party

By Sarah Young ('98)

It would not be the holidays without a party at Akins House. On December 22, 1998 grads and the grade twelves got together for pizza, and to reminisce about BH. It was amazing to see how much everyone had grown and changed since we last saw each other in June. We all enjoyed hearing about new and exciting university experiences, it was hard to say goodbye, but hopefully we will stay in touch and gather again next year.



'98 grads gather for photo at holiday get-together in December.

## Obituaries

### Nancy (Stovel) Jackson (Riv '44)

Deceased March 1998

### Hope (Anstey) Lavallee (RL & Riv)

Deceased June 1998

### Marie Angela (Mackenzie) Ferguson

Deceased January 1999



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